

# Children's Newspaper

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**Tristan da Cunha,** island of the world's loneliest people, blew itself into the news on 10th October.

The grim volcano, towering nearly 7,000 feet above the South Atlantic, was believed to be extinct. But in August this great mountain began to tremble. As the days went on, tremor followed tremor, breaking down stone walls and cutting the water supply to the canning factory which was the islanders' only industry. Then on 10th October came a radio message reporting a sinister "bubble of ground" up the mountain. It was 30 feet high and was the prelude to eruption. A spill of red-hot lava, 150 feet thick, began to ooze down the sides of the cone up above the clouds. The terrified people fled to the only open ground, round their potato patches. Eventually they were safely evacuated to Cape Town.

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## VOLCANO THAT BLEW ITS TOP

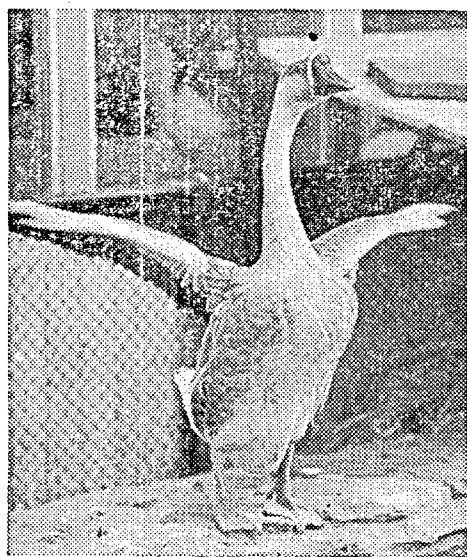
## Nails the Romans left behind

Nails about 1,900 years old and still as good as new are to be on sale to the public after Christmas. Nearly a million of them, weighing almost seven tons, were found under the Roman fortress of Inchtuthil, near Perth.

When the Romans withdrew their garrison from this fort, between A.D. 87 and 90, they ordered nothing to be left there that could be of use to their stubborn enemies, the Picts and the Scots. But seven tons of nails were evidently more

than the legion's transport officer could cope with, so they were buried under the quartermaster's store and the building was demolished over it to hide them.

The hoard was unearthed by Professor Ian Richmond of Oxford University. The top layer was rusted into a solid sheet, but under this the nails were well preserved, varying in length from 2 to 16 inches. There was a flourishing iron industry in Roman Britain.



The goose seems to be telling London Zoo visitors, "Wait a bit and just watch me take off." And the pelican in St. James's Park is waiting to show any passer-by how well he can catch something tasty in that big fish-bag of his.

### ATTENTION, PLEASE!



## Debbie cuts conkers

Hurricane Debbie which swept these islands some weeks ago is having its effects on the pastimes of small boys in Northern Ireland. Normally, there is not a shortage of chestnuts for the favourite autumn game of "Conkers"—or, as it is sometimes called in Ulster, "Cheesers."

This year, September gales following the hurricane swept nearly all the nuts off the chestnut trees in Northern Ireland long before they were properly ripe. Potential Conkers champions are finding them of a "piebald" appearance and completely useless for the game.

## Alpine electricity for Britain

When you switch on the light this Winter, you may be using electricity generated by water power in the Alps. The cross-Channel power cable has been completed, and recently electricity was exchanged between Britain and France for the first time. The purpose of the cable is to enable either country to receive surplus power from the other when required.

### "READ WHILE YOU WAIT"

At the West German railway station of Hildesheim a library of 2,000 volumes has been started for the schoolchildren waiting for trains. If the idea is successful—and if readers do not miss their trains—libraries are to be installed in other stations.

## SEA HEROES

Gallantry of a very high order has won the Boys' Brigade Cross for Heroism for 14-year-old Gerald Lopes of St. Eustatius, in the Leeward Islands.

While on the beach he heard cries for help from four boys who had fallen from their inflated inner tube and lost it in the rough sea. Gerald swam out and brought

back one boy, then returned through the heavy waves for the others. He managed to get two of them on to the tube and towed them ashore. Although very tired by now, he plunged in again, but was unable to find the fourth boy.

Two other Cross for Heroism winners are Thomas Connell and Ian Macdonald of Bermuda. They and a man had to abandon a swamped motor-boat, but their friend turned out to be a poor swimmer, and they risked their lives by supporting him in high seas for half an hour until the arrival of a rescue boat.

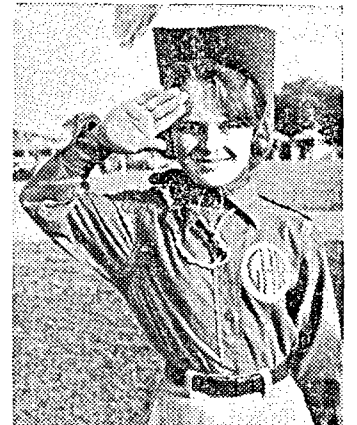
## TAKING A STICK TO A LION

Kitso is an African game warden who has missed his vocation. He ought to have been a lion-tamer. Though armed only with a stick, he recently beat off a lion that was attacking a donkey in the Wankie National Park, Rhodesia. The lion, according to the Park Warden, fled with Kitso chasing it brandishing his stick.

## Bush warbler far from home

The ornithologists who recently spotted, caught, and ringed a Radde's bush warbler at Blakeney Point, Norfolk, must have had the thrill of their lives. Only once before has this bird been recorded in Britain—in Lincolnshire in 1898. Why the Norfolk one was so far from its normal haunts in China, Siberia, or Stam is not known. One theory is that it may have been frightened by recent atomic explosions.

## SMART SALUTE



A snappy salute and a proud smile from little Janet Morphew of Hampton, Middlesex. Such things can be expected of a 14-year-old who recently won the "Smartest Ranger" award in the Senior Section of the Horse Rangers of the Commonwealth.

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# Changing faces among the Queen's advisers

By the C N Parliamentary Correspondent



Left: Mr. Iain Macleod, Leader of the House of Commons and Conservative Party Chairman



Mr. R. A. Butler, Home Secretary.

Right: Mr. Reginald Maudling, new Secretary of State for the Colonies



NEXT Tuesday, the Queen will drive to Westminster in her State robes to open the third session of the present Parliament.

Her speech, read from the Throne in the House of Lords, will outline the measures desired to be passed by Parliament during the coming year.

The Cabinet produces the speech for the Sovereign to deliver because the Cabinet is a committee of Ministers, drawn from both Houses of Parliament, to advise the Queen and govern the country.

Mr. Macmillan, the Prime Minister, recently made big changes in the Cabinet.

The most important of these changes affect three senior Ministers:

Mr. R. A. Butler (58) remains Home Secretary and second in command to Mr. Macmillan, but he leaves two posts.

Mr. Iain Macleod (48) takes over these two posts—Leader of the Commons and Chairman of the Government party, the Conservatives.

Mr. Reginald Maudling (44), who was President of the Board of Trade, becomes Colonial Secretary instead of Mr. Macleod.

At the Colonial Office, Mr. Macleod made history by the speed with which he set Britain's African colonies on the road to home rule and independence.

Starting with Kenya early last year, he freed Tanganyika and then Uganda from colonial rule. Tanganyika will become independent next December and Uganda next October.

Kenya is expected to get independence next year. So now Mr. Maudling, in his new post will have the

task of welding these three territories into a federation or union.

Mr. Macleod, as Chairman of the Conservative Party, must be ready to direct plans for a General Election in the next two or three years.

In preparation for this tough fight with the Labour and Liberal parties the Prime Minister has strengthened his Government in other quarters.

Mr. Henry Brooke (58) has left the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to become Chief Secretary at the Treasury.

There he will relieve the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, of some of his burdens and keep a tight hand on public spending.

Dr. Charles Hill (57) becomes Minister of Housing. He used to be widely known as the Radio Doctor because of his little talks on personal health.

These and other changes mean that the Cabinet is increased from 20 to 21. Its average age is 54.



Mr. Henry Brooke, Chief Secretary to the Treasury



Dr. Charles Hill, new Minister of Housing

## NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

### CLOCKS BACK

British Summer Time ends on Sunday, 29th October, so do not forget to put your clocks and watches back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

A wallet lost in a cinema 41 years ago has been restored to its owner. It was found in a crack behind the back row, during rebuilding.

An electric torch battery is on sale that can be recharged at home from the mains.

An anonymous gift of £100,000 has been made for a young people's art centre in Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham.

### SPEEDING-UP

The present average speed of London's traffic is about 10.7 m.p.h.—an improvement of about 9 per cent. on last year.

Shipwrecked on a small Pacific island, four Germans and a Dutchman were recently rescued after living there for a month.

A new town for a population of 80,000 is to be built at Skelmersdale, between Wigan and Ormskirk, Lancashire.

More than 55,000 overseas students came to Britain for full-time studies during the academic year 1960-61.

The United States is to send increasing quantities of surplus food to needy countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

### ROOF PLAYGROUND

Owing to the shortage of space in Hong Kong, the playground of a new seven-story school will be on the roof.

West Germany plans to complete her first atomic ship next year.

Manchester is planning a memorial to Sir John Alcock and Arthur Whitten Brown, who made the first non-stop Atlantic flight in 1919. Alcock was a Manchester man, and Brown lived there for several years.

A canary-coloured diamond has been sold in London for £2,450.

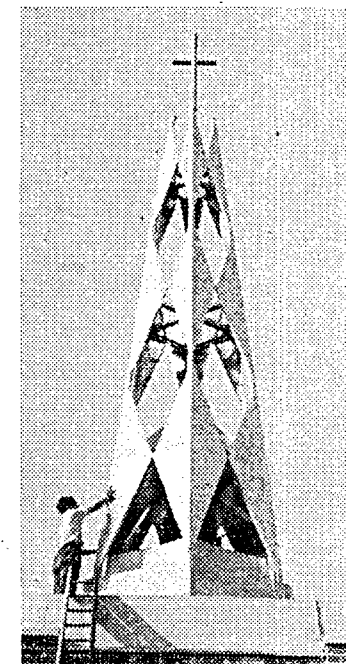
The North American X-15 rocket research aircraft, piloted by Major Bob White, has climbed to a new world altitude record (for rocket-powered aircraft) of 220,000 feet.

The foundations of a triumphal arch have been unearthed at Verulamium, the site of the Roman city at St. Albans, Hertfordshire.

### A DOG'S LIFE

Kennels at a Bournemouth dogs' home are to be sound-proofed, following complaints from people kept awake at night by their barking.

### New-style steeple



This is the steeple on the new church of St. Thomas of Canterbury at Whyteleafe, Surrey. Made of aluminium, it has open sections to lessen wind-resistance. It is said to be safer than the conventional steeple.

### THEY SAY . . .

HAGGIS is a unique dish. If only we would describe it as "haggis à la Edinburgh" it would be on all the world's menu.

Lord Craigton

You can make a wonderful chicken broth from the carcase if you have a baby or an invalid in the house.

From a book of Menus, quoted in The Daily Telegraph

WE loved Tristan. But the earth shakes were getting badder and badder and if we went back now it would be death to us all.

A Tristan islander

## POWER FROM THE TIDES

Russia's first tidal power station is to be built on her Arctic coast near Murmansk. Here the tides which often rise and fall 35 feet, supply the power. But the region is almost devoid of roads, so the station will be built near Archangel in the form of a floating dock and towed some 350 miles to the site at Motovsky Bay, there to be

lowered on to a prepared foundation.

It will be a small station. Only 1,600 kilowatts will be generated—compared with the 2½-million kilowatts of the Stalingrad hydro power station, which is claimed to be the world's biggest. Motovsky Bay, however, is intended as a pilot project for bigger tidal stations to come.

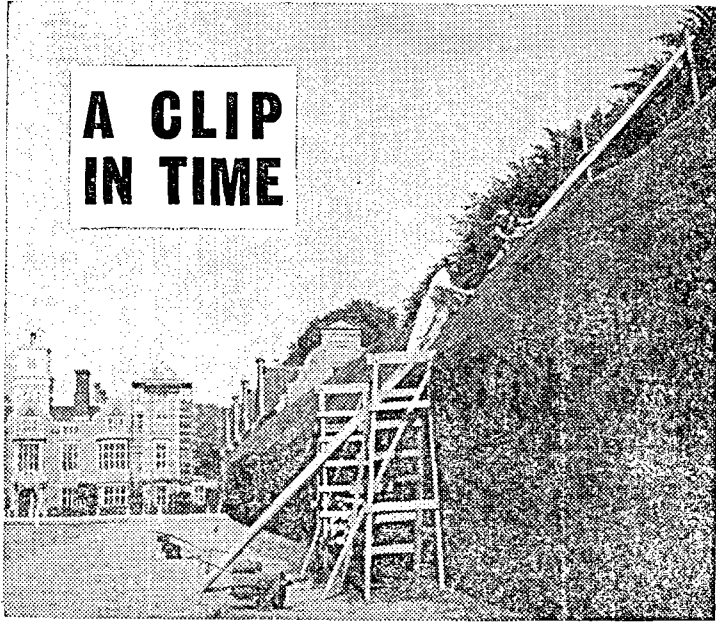


Over the Sea to Skye

Kyleakin village



## A CLIP IN TIME



Gardeners give an autumn clipping to the 400-year-old yew hedges 100 yards long and 20 feet high, at Blickling Hall in Norfolk.

## £5 notes are so popular

The new, and smaller, £5 note introduced in 1957 has become very popular. According to the Bank of England Review, 112 million new notes (that makes £560,000,000) were issued last year, against 75 million in 1957. It is also stated that £5 notes account for more than 40 per cent. of Britain's total note circulation.

It has also been disclosed that the average "life" of the three note values varies greatly. The £5 note is in circulation for 22 months; the £1 for nearly 14 months; and the 10s. note has a short life indeed, a mere 5½ months.

Somehow, we have found notes pass away far more quickly!

## Modern Noah's Ark

A special train carried a complete farm from Surrey to Cornwall the other day, with the farmer, the farmer's wife and two children.

The load included 40 cows, 25 heifers and calves, a pony, poultry, and 18 tons of farm equipment, including a tractor, trailers, a horse-box, and an estate car.

## GOOD MUSIC

The famous Ernest Read Orchestral Concerts for Children will be run in two series, as usual this season, at the Royal Festival Hall in London.

There will be Saturday morning concerts at 11 o'clock on 4th November, 2nd December, 27th January, 17th February, and 17th March. Saturday afternoon concerts at 2 o'clock will be on 2nd December, 27th January, and 17th March. The Christmas Music concert will be at the Royal Albert Hall on 12th December, at 7.30 p.m.

## Bill paid after 183 years

Damage done by British soldiers in Philadelphia in 1778 has just been paid for. During the War of Independence they tore down a church fence for firewood. Their officer forgot his promise to pay for repairs, and this year the Minister of the church sent in the bill, 18 dollars—about £6 4s.

## Nature Week

The Council for Nature is offering a 50-guinea prize for a simply-designed emblem for National Nature Week, 18th to 25th May, 1963. Details can be obtained from the Council at 41 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

# This is how they see America

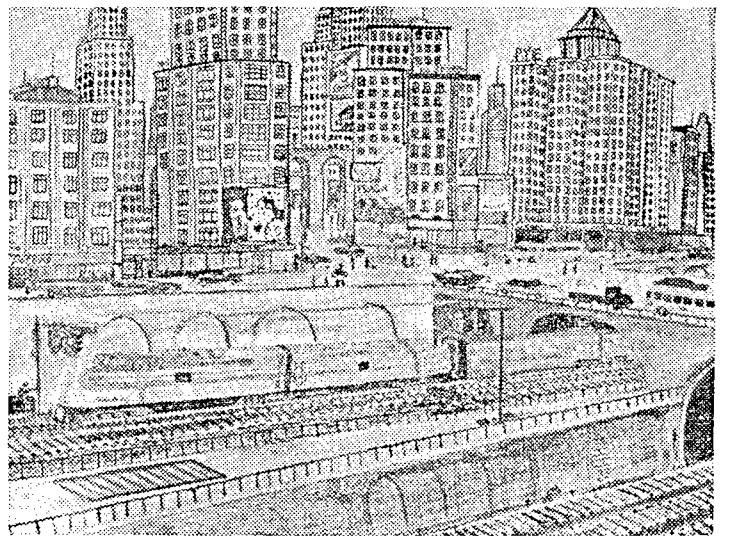
## WORK OF YOUNG ARTISTS IN NEW YORK

Few children's TV programmes have won such an international reputation as the BBC's *Sketch Club*, presided over by Adrian Hill. Now it has achieved the honour of a New York exhibition next month, in the Qantas Gallery on Fifth Avenue. Moreover, the American TV network WNEW is running five special programmes in its *Wonderama* series based on the *Sketch Club* pattern, and is asking American children to paint their idea of England. These will probably be shown on BBC at a later date.

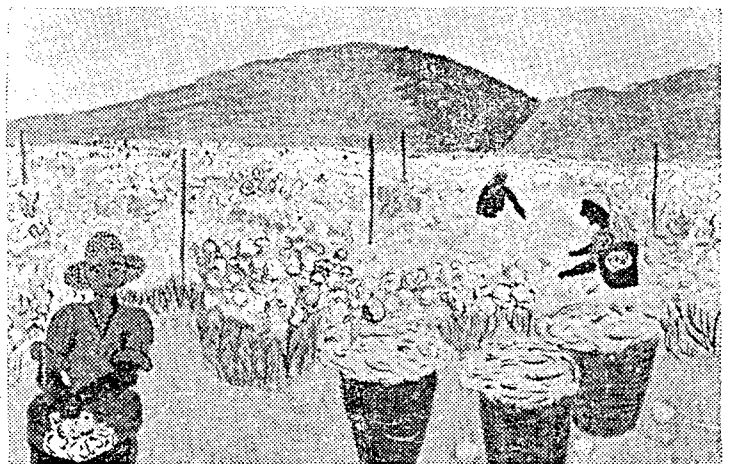
The New York exhibition consists mainly of British children's ideas of America. These are only the pick of about 30,000 paintings submitted. Adrian Hill made a first choice of 500, from which 75 were finally selected for New York by a committee consisting of Neville Wallis of *The Observer*, artist Eileen Evans, and Adrian Hill. Two typical examples of "How I See America" are shown on this page.

Among the general pictures included in the exhibition is "Winter Scene" by Jane Spooner, who is six years old but was only five when the picture was painted. Adrian Hill described it as "exceptional." Jane, who is *Sketch Club*'s youngest artist, lives at Hertford Heath, Hertfordshire.

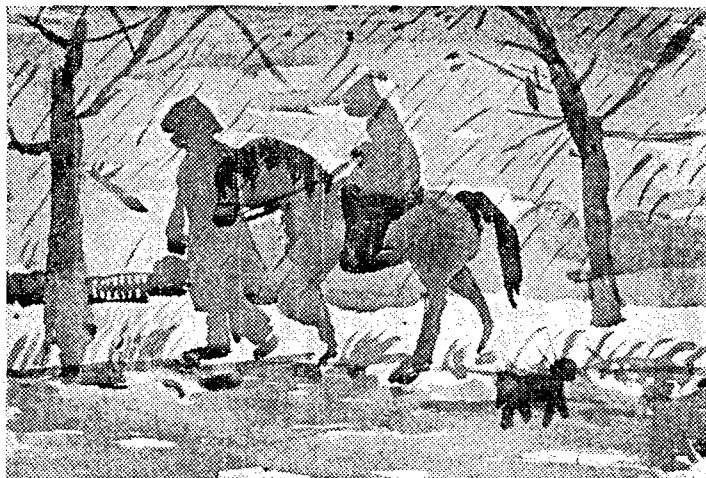
By the end of this year *Sketch Club* will have had exhibitions in London and 36 other cities and towns in Britain. It has also exhibited in Australian cities, besides Rome, Naples, and Tokyo.



New York as seen by 14-year-old H. J. Smith



Cottonfields of Virginia—by Sally Breeze, 10



Winter Scene by Jane Spooner, aged five

## LESS ROOM ON THE ROADS

Our roads are the most crowded in the world; this fact has just been revealed by the British Road Federation.

In a 64-page booklet, *British Road Statistics*, the Federation points out that Britain has 9,383,140 vehicles, one for every 38 yards of road, street, and lane. In fact, Britain has 12.2 more cars to the mile of road than U.S.A.

It is a sad reflection on our times that road accidents continue to rise, and last year cost £229,000,000, twice as much as the Government spent on the roads.

# Busy in Antarctica

It is springtime in Antarctica and explorers are getting busy. Three of them, Australians, recently returned to Davis Station after a trip across the treacherous Sorsdal Glacier and the frozen sea to set up a depot of food and fuel in the Rauer Islands.

With a sledge and a team of huskies they had to find their way across glacier crevasses, hundreds of feet deep. Three times they had to use block and tackle gear to haul their sledge over steep ice ridges. They left flags to mark the route, and reached the islands

in seven days. Then they received a radio warning of an approaching storm, and made the journey back in two days—just ahead of the storm.

Meanwhile another party of six Australians has left Wilkes Base on a 360-mile tractor-train trek. They mean to measure the depth of the ice and map the shape of the solid land below it. They will explode charges at the bottoms of boreholes 100 feet deep. Microphones will then record the time taken for the sound waves to "bounce" off the rock thousands

of feet below, thus giving the depth of the ice.

A Russian expedition is to establish two new scientific stations, and to set up automatic radio weather recorders.

## TEN-TON HOVERCRAFT

The world's first commercial hovercraft is being built by Vickers-Armstrongs at South Marston, Wiltshire. Weighing ten tons, it will carry 24 passengers and crew at a cruising speed of 70 m.p.h.

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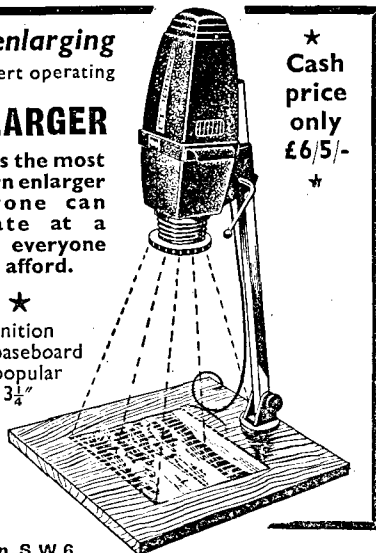
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## A BOY AND HIS BALLOON

VISUERS who have never seen *The Red Balloon* have a treat in store when this prize-winning French film comes to BBC Junior TV on Sunday. And those who have seen it before will want to see it again.

Part of its magic, perhaps, is due to the fact that Albert Lamorisse, who directed the picture, had his own little son, Pascal, to play the leading part. And a wonderful part it is, too—that of a small boy whose toy balloon follows him wherever he goes. It pursues him outdoors and in, to the consternation of his school-teachers and the delight of his friends. After many adventures, the balloon leads him into the greatest exploit of all, something that everyone dreams about.

*The Red Balloon* won the Cannes Festival Prize in 1956, an Oscar for the best scenario, the London Film Academy Award in 1957, the Selznik Award in America, and many other honours.

## TV is 25

### Week of celebrations

THE flags will be flying at the BBC Television Centre for the Queen's visit there on 2nd November to mark the 25th anniversary of the opening of the first public TV service in the world. She will be in the audience of children invited to watch *Crackerjack*.

Among the BBC's outstanding programmes for Silver Jubilee Week will be a "biggest-ever" broadcast of Billy Smart's Circus on Sunday and a filmed *Scrapbook of 1936* on 1st November.

Nine TV cameras will be used for the Circus, which will be set up within half a mile of Television Centre under a mammoth "big top." The gala programme will include acts from celebrated circuses in many different countries.

Leslie Bailey, of radio *Scrapbook* fame, has done the research for the first television edition. Producer Geoffrey Baines will use film and still photographs.

## Step forward, you young poets

THOUGH Christmas is still two months off, it is not too soon to glean ideas for a seasonable poem which might win a prize.

Last year BBC Children's Hour got a splendid response to the competition set by Leonard Clark for an original carol or poem for Christmas. On Wednesday, 8th November, he will announce details of a similar competition in BBC Junior Radio.

The best of the poems will be broadcast in Christmas week.

# In Search of Adventure

## GLIDING, SAILING, AND EXPLORING

HOWARD WILLIAMS is to be compère of *In Search of Adventure*, a new Friday series in Associated-Rediffusion children's programmes beginning on 3rd November. This fits in with programme chief John Rhodes' policy of taking viewers outside the studios as often as possible.

Between now and December the film cameras will be ranging far and near to bring "real life" pictures to the TV screen.

The first adventure will take viewers to the Lasham Gliding Centre near Alton, Hants., to see Helen Wood, a young beginner, being taught the art of soaring flight.

No one could have a better chance. Her teachers will be Chief Instructor Derek Piggott and Sergeant John Williamson, the reigning British gliding champion.

Later items, I hear, will include shark fishing at Looe in Cornwall;



Chief Instructor Derek Piggott gives Helen Wood her first gliding lesson

sailing on a windjammer; a trip to the Caucasus with explorer Hamish MacInnes; and a stay on Seal Island with Grahame Dangerfield.

## AND THEREBY HANGS A TAIL

TWENTY-FIVE minutes all about tails—that is the programme for Granada's *Zoo Time* this Wednesday. Dr. Desmond Morris takes viewers on a tour to meet



The woolly monkey, who uses his tail as a fifth limb

animals whose tails mean much more to them than just ornaments.

One of the most lovable is the woolly monkey seen in my picture. Inside the curved end of his tail is a pad like a finger by which he hangs from branches, leaving his hands and feet free to gather food.

His tail is, in fact, a fifth limb. Prairie dogs, rabbits, and beavers all use their tails for signalling in time of danger, either as a kind of flag or, in the case of the beaver, to make a noise by slapping it hard on the water.

We can also meet the porcupine, who uses his spiky tail for defence. The opossum, also on the visiting list, curls his tail round nesting material which he carries home, his feet being free for walking.

Tails have their strangest use, however, among the fat-tailed rodents, such as the gerbil, for whom they serve as a storage place for body fat, rather like a camel's hump.

## Second look at Hermine and Jacky

It is just a year since Sunday afternoons in BBC Junior TV were brightened by the arrival of Hermine and Jacky. These children gave their names to a delightful film series—partly true, partly fictional—about life with animals in the French countryside. Now the seven-part series is to be repeated, beginning next Tuesday (31st October).

*The Animal Man*, which comes first, is about their friend Jacques Bouillaut, a man who spends his time caring for animals which are sick or have been injured in traps or through hunting. His home, next to the Le Mans race circuit, is a refuge for creatures of all kinds, including a wild boar, snakes, a stork, monkeys, badgers, an owl, and his own personal pets—a family of Siamese cats and a parrot.

Jacques Bouillaut—a real character—has a method with animals, which is to dispel their natural fear of man with extreme gentleness and kindness.

Jacky is a boy who wanders about the land, earning his keep by working on farms. Hermine, with whom he strikes up a friendship, has a parrot of her own.

## Leave it to Mr Pastry

RICHARD HEARNE (Mr. Pastry) gets up to all sorts of funny business on television, but this week he is out to make our flesh creep in *Mr. Pastry Hooks a Spook*. This new film, with a script specially written by the funny man himself, will be screened in BBC Junior TV on Saturday. He calls it a comedy thriller, so there is no need to keep the lights on or the door open for a quick escape.

The trouble begins when Lady Phoebe tries to sell her fine old rambling mansion. Nobody will buy because of the strange noises which echo through the corridors nightly. Who wants to be landed with a spook anyway? When Mr. Pastry investigates, however, it turns out that—but why spoil the story?

Producer David Goddard filmed location shots at Woking, Surrey.



Mr. Pastry has a word with Nellie the donkey, an old friend from a previous show

## Gold rush in the Hebrides

A HEBRIDEAN gold rush? That is the fascinating prospect opened up in *Fisherman's Gold*, a four-part serial beginning this Wednesday in BBC Junior radio. This story by Campbell K. Finlay tells how two rival gangs of children on a Hebridean island set about looking for gold which, according to local legend, is buried there.



## I was a hedgehog's mother!

Yes, this is one of the many fascinating stories—told by Gerald Durrell, TV's famous Zoo man—which you can read in the exciting new JUNE Book. It's got 126 pages of stories and picture stories, starring many of the popular characters from JUNE weekly such as Kathy of Marvin Grange, Cloris and Claire, Jenny, Cuddles, and Diana and her Diary. And there are colourful illustrated features on junior fashions, learning how to cook and flower recognition. It's a feast of fun and adventure for every schoolgirl.

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### ALL RIGHT THEN— SHOOT

The Australian cockatoo was just going up the ladder to have a look out of the window when it spotted that there was a cameraman in the background

### From Australia by vintage plane

Two Australians have made an adventurous flight from Sydney to England in a 30-year-old twin-engined Monospar plane.

Their first trouble came when bad weather forced them to land on an obscure airstrip in Burma. They spent four days in a thatched hut, and on the night before taking off again had to dismantle and dry vital parts of the engine every two hours. Cross winds over the desert forced them to land near a deserted oil pumping station, where they found two cans of fuel which enabled them to reach Damascus.

They reached Lympne Airport safe and sound just over six weeks after leaving Sydney.

### AND THE CROCODILE LET GO

If you are swimming with a companion and suddenly see him dragged under by a crocodile, what is the best thing to do?

Patrick Mabuku didn't hesitate. He took a dive, caught the crocodile by its tail, pushed it above the surface, and continued the struggle until it released its hold. He is one of four Northern Rhodesians who have just been awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry.

### Choosing the prettiest village

Hundreds of letters asking for the name of Britain's prettiest village are received every year by the New York office of the British Travel and Holidays Association. Of course, there are so many different settings for villages—seaside, riverside, or mountainside. So if you want to help the "Come to Britain" campaign, just write the name of your favourite village on a postcard and send it to: "Prettiest Village," British Travel and Holidays Association, 64-65 St. James's Street, London, S.W.1.

### YOUNG TURKS TAKE TO GARDENING

In Turkey this year gardens are being made near each school, and boys and girls are learning to grow their own vegetables and fruit, to rear poultry, and keep bees.

This programme is intended to produce a more varied diet, especially for those living in villages on the Anatolian plateau which, at present, produces mostly grain for cattle. Experts from the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations are giving demonstrations all over the country.

### POLISHING UP THEIR PRIZES



Two ten-year-old dancing experts, Suzanne Borman (left) and Diane Bailey of Ash, Surrey, polishing some of the hundred or so prizes they have won together as dancing partners.



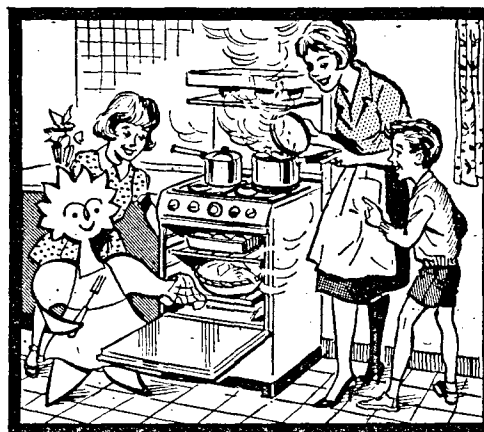
## Mr. Therm's Magic Wand

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### Magic from Coal

By waving his magic wand, Mr. Therm can get tar, ammonia, benzole, naphthalene, sulphur, and carbon from gas, and the coal from which the gas has come will turn into coke. Isn't he a wizard? Nearly two hundred years ago a boy called William Murdoch, who lived in Scotland, first made gas by heating coal in his mother's copper kettle. A lot of gas is made nowadays by "baking" coal in tall ovens. The gas is then led away through pipes to be cleaned, because it contains these other wonderful things.

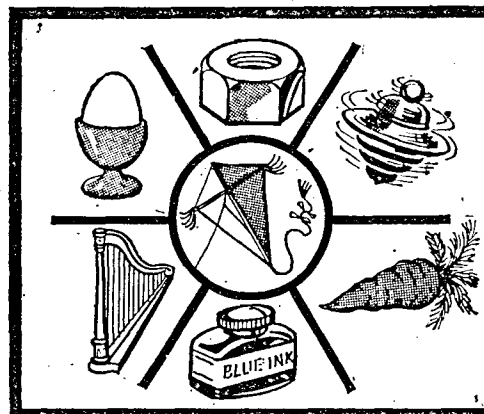


### Magic in the Kitchen

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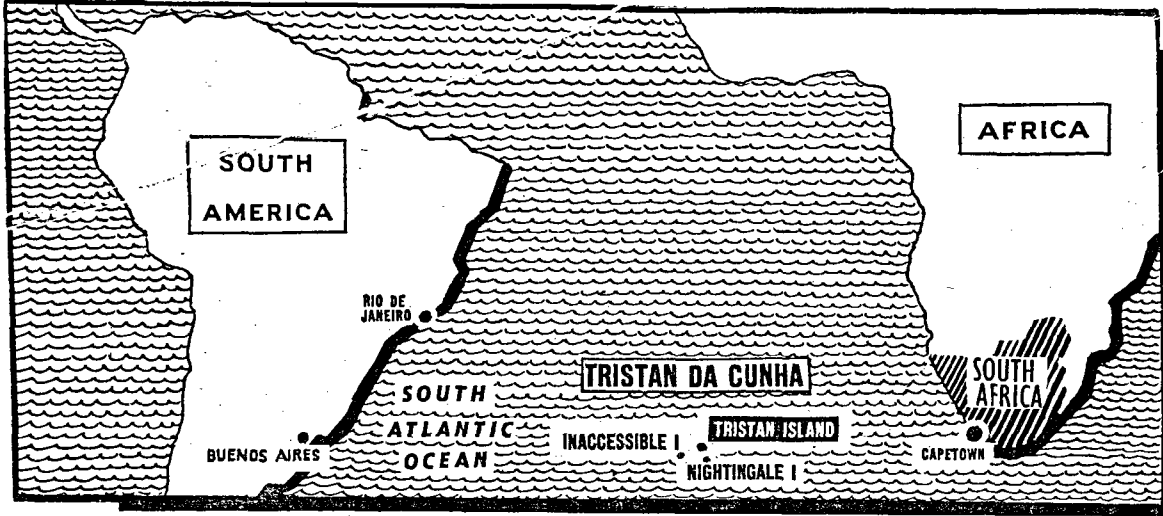
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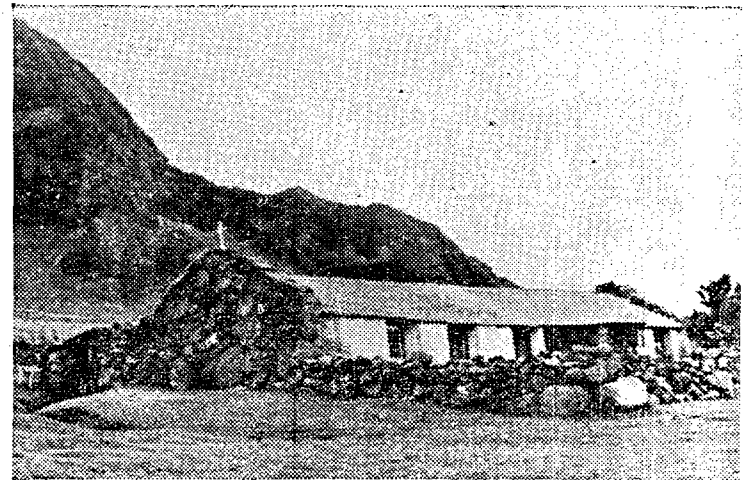
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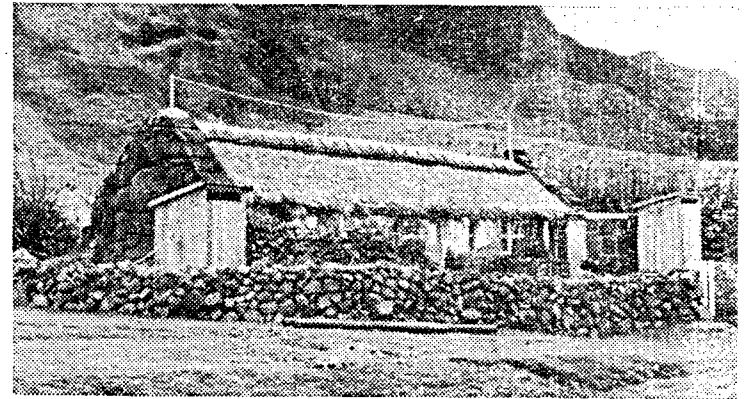
Where the three islands of the Tristan group lie between Africa and South America



Little community church of St. Mary



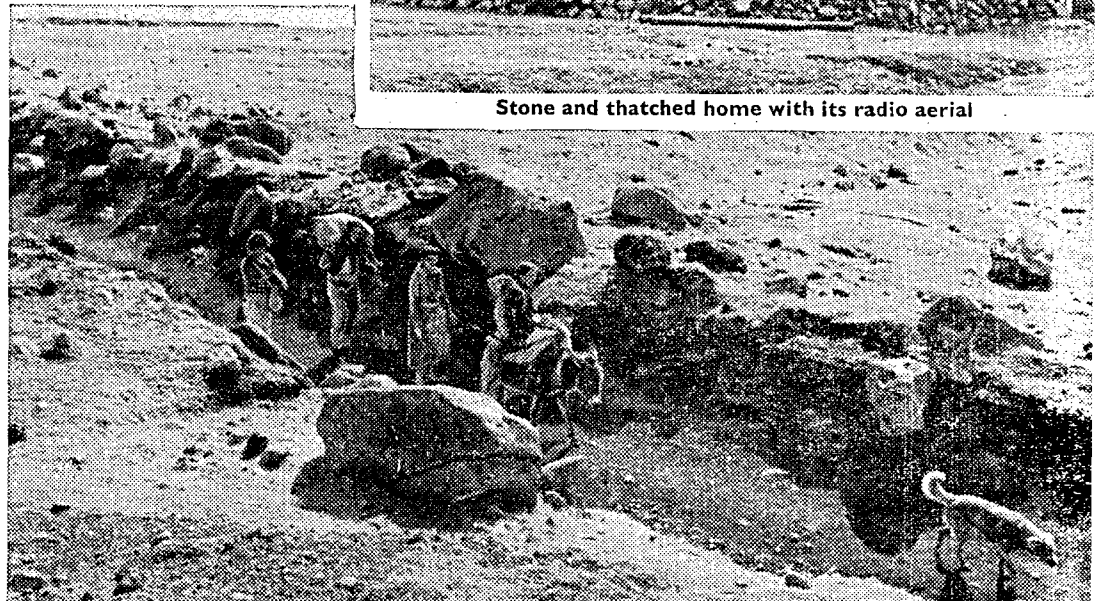
Islanders built their own boats out of driftwood and canvas



Stone and thatched home with its radio aerial



Potato patches whence came the island's chief crop



On the way home after working in the patches



Sailing home along the mountain coast



Taking the chance of a calm sea to launch a boat at Big Beach



er, 28th October, 1961

# TRISTAN DA CUNHA

## And the life they left behind them

"Please God, send us a nice shipwreck, so as Johnny and me can build a house and get married," was how the girls of Tristan used to pray. On this bleak, grim island of the South Atlantic, only small trees grew, not big enough for anything but firewood. So the only timber for house or boat building came from wreckage washed ashore.

The islanders, indeed, got much of their living from the sea—fish to eat and crawfish for their canning factory—and all their little luxuries came from visiting ships. Here are some pictures of the life they led, quite happily, until the recent eruption.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA is a volcano rising from the bed of the South Atlantic ocean nearly half-way between Cape Town and Buenos Aires with two smaller islands, Inaccessible and Nightingale. Before the eruption Tristan was roughly circular in shape and seven-and-a-half miles across, and the volcano's summit was 6,760 feet above sea level. Its crater contained a lake and below the cone were forbidding cliffs up to 2,000 feet high. The only strip of land below the cliffs wide enough for people to live on was on the north-west coast.

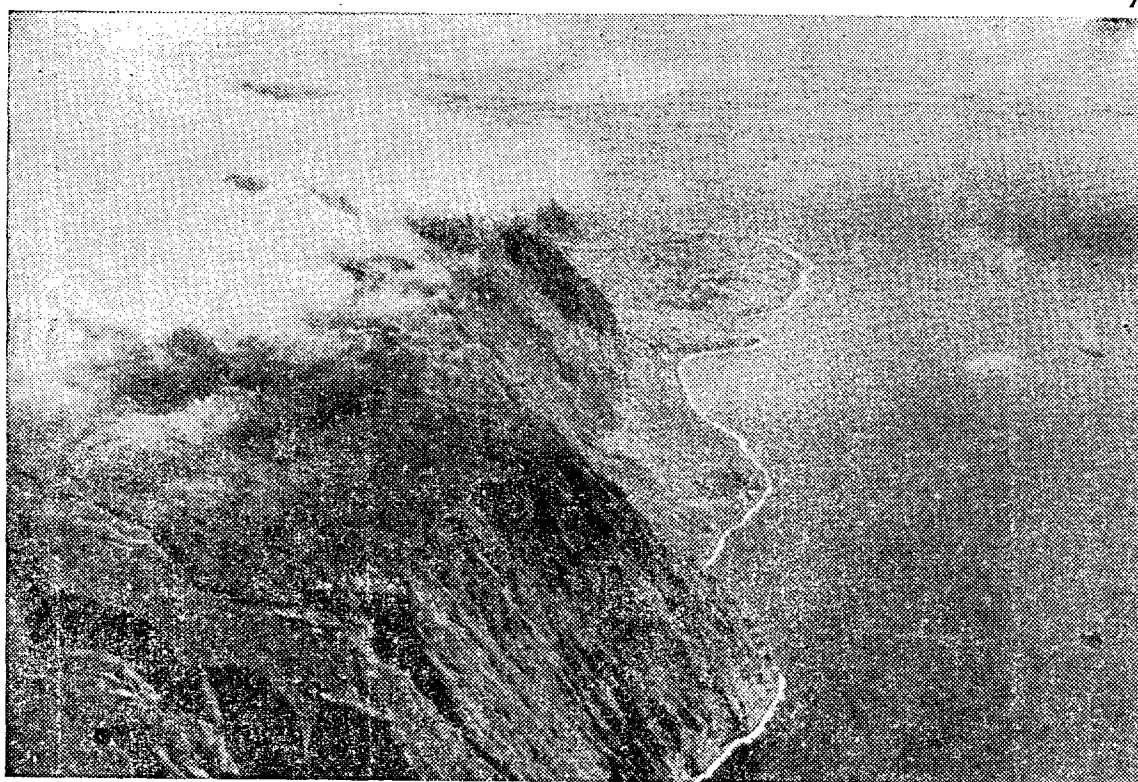
Discovered in 1506 by the Portuguese navigator, Tristan da Cunha, the island received a small British garrison in 1816. When the soldiers were withdrawn, one of them, Corporal William Glass, chose to remain with his wife and two children. Later they were joined by shipwrecked sailors and women from St. Helena. The first missionary went there in 1851 from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which did much for the islanders' welfare.

Ten years ago a crawfish canning factory was established enabling the islanders to do a little trade with the outside world.

Pictures by courtesy of The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.



Carding wool fibres into a web (above) to be spun (below) into yarn



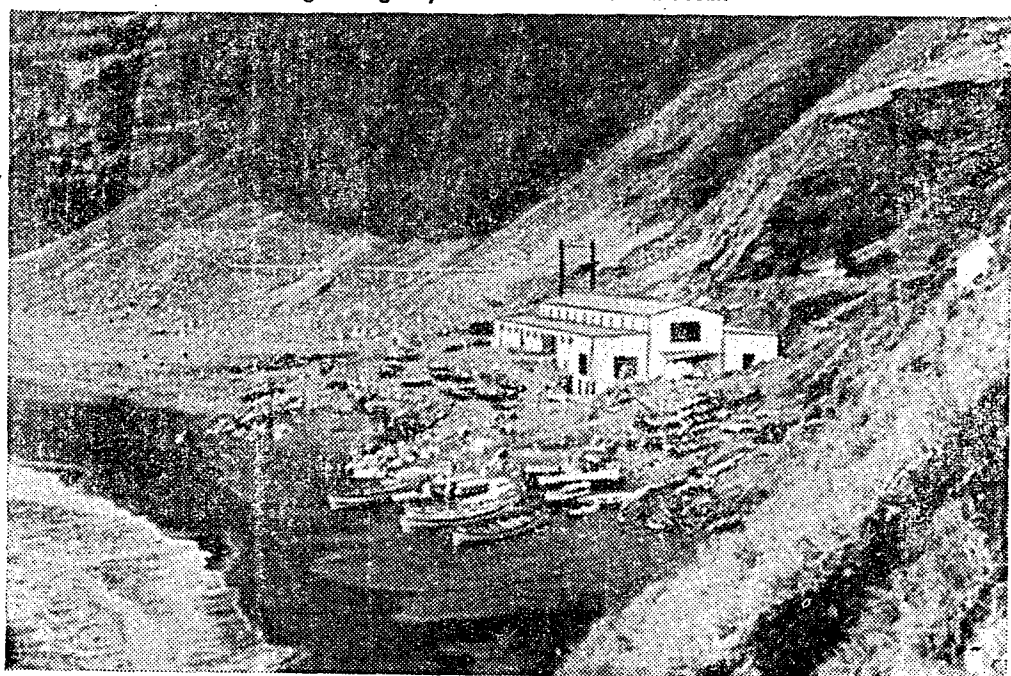
Helicopter view of the huge cliffs and the settlement, Edinburgh, on its point of land



Edinburgh village lay between volcano and ocean



Ox-carts bringing stores up from Big Beach to Edinburgh



Factory for crawfish canning, the island's only industry



# STARLINGS AND THEIR ROOSTS

## ON RECORD

### New discs to note

AMONG the most spectacular bird-watching sights of the Autumn and Winter are the massed flights of huge flocks of starlings to their roost every evening. They also fly back again to their feeding places in the mornings, but fewer bird-watchers seem to be up to watch them!

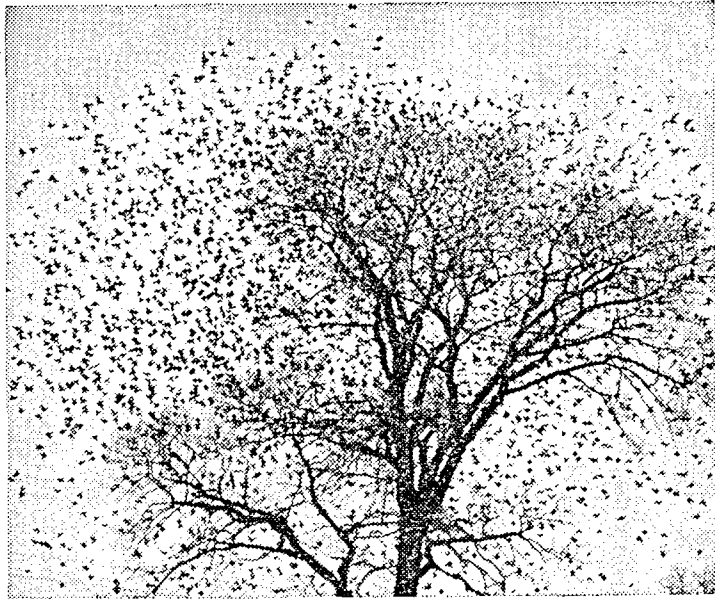
The great majority of the starlings present in Britain during the winter months are immigrants from the Continent, and these roost together in very large numbers in thickets, shrubberies, and feed-beds all over the country.

The largest starling roost ever recorded in Britain, which was estimated to hold the incredible number of 3½ million birds, was in a six-acre larch plantation between Egmore and South Creake in Norfolk, about six years ago. Birds flew in mainly from three directions—south, south-east, and north-east—in continuous streams for about 25 minutes each evening. Some of them were thought to have come from as far as 30 miles away.

#### 1,300 in every tree

Bird-watchers who visited this roost estimated that there were anything from 250 to 850 starlings roosting in each tree, and on one very cold January night, when the birds huddled together for warmth, they counted an average of 1,300 birds per tree in one corner of the plantation. Several trees had their tops broken off with the weight of birds that night.

Though the birds that use these country roosts are mainly immigrants, those that roost in the towns are probably nearly all resident birds that feed by day in the suburbs. This is certainly the case in London, where it has



been proved by recoveries of ringed birds.

The London roosts are the best known, for the massed flights of great flocks of starlings attract the attention of home-going office workers at dusk in October and November, and the chattering of the roosting birds is a conspicuous feature of parts of the City and West End, especially around Trafalgar Square.

However, London is by no means the only town in Britain to have starlings roosting in its centre. This has also been recorded in Barnsley, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Blackpool, Bradford, Dublin, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Huddersfield, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Swansea. I should be interested to hear from readers if starlings roost in these, or other towns, this Autumn.

When the starlings first began to roost in London in the 1890's, they roosted in trees, just as they do in the country, but after about 20 years they began to roost on ledges of buildings,

and this is where the great majority of town-roosting starlings now spend the winter nights.

It might be thought an odd thing for starlings to transfer from trees to ledges of buildings for roosting, but in fact, in Skye and other parts of the north and west of Scotland, where there are few trees, it is quite normal for starlings to roost on ledges on the cliffs.

#### Watch the fly-lines

If you want to find a starling roost in your own district, the best way is to look out for the fly-lines of the birds on their way to roost each evening. These are usually to be seen during the hour before sunset. Having established the direction of your fly-line, take your bicycle out for half a mile or so in that direction and look again. The chances are that this method will lead you to a roost within five miles or so of your home; and you will be glad you made the trip because the sight as the birds fly in each evening is well worth watching.

RICHARD FITTER

**SAMMY DAVIS JUNIOR:** *One More Time* on Reprise R20018. This is described by Sammy Davis as a tribute to Ray Charles, a favourite singer with many people. Charles has his own slurred style, but a powerful beat, well captured by Sammy Davis. The second side is a bouncy version of *Back In Your Own Backyard*. (45. 6s. 9d.)

**AHMAD JAMAL:** *Ahmad Jamal Quintet* on Pye NJL32. Devotees of modern music regard Ahmad Jamal as one of the most interesting jazz musicians. He plays the piano with imagination but he is obviously not a man to let his musical ideas get in the way of his rhythm. On this record the quintet includes a violin and its interplay with the piano makes interesting listening. (LP. 35s. 3d.)

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one can hear such top artists as Alfred Drake and the late Lauritz Melchior on the same record, and no doubt many enthusiasts will want this disc in their collection. (LP. 23s. 8d.)

**FRANK SINATRA:** *Granada* on Reprise R20010. Sinatra launches his own record company with a disc which finds him at his best and well up to his top-selling standard. The Latin-American song has a first-class arrangement by Billy May. (45. 6s. 9d.)

**FERRANTE and TEICHER:** *Goodbye Again* on HMV POP906. America's favourite piano duettists make a fine recording of this film music which is said to be inspired by the music of Brahms. (45. 6s. 9d.)

**ERROLL GARNER:** *All-Time Hits* on Ember 3329. Erroll Garner is a jazz-pianist with a superb sense of rhythm and his selection here includes *Stardust* and *Moon-glow*. (LP. 25s.)

**JOHN BARRY SEVEN:** *A Matter Of Who* on Columbia DB4699. This is in quieter mood than usual for the John Barry group who experiment with new guitar sounds against a background of strings. The film theme is most catchy. (45. 6s. 9d.)



Alfred Drake



## FEARLESS HARRY HAWKER—FLYING PIONEER AND RACING DRIVER (5)

Within a month of getting his pilot's licence, Harry Hawker broke the British Endurance

Record, staying airborne for 8 hours 23 minutes. But it was dark when he had to decide to come

down—and the fires to illuminate the aerodrome had not been lit as he made his approach!

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He's done it!

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The engine's running beautifully. I'm going straight up to beat the two-passenger record!

Harry has already endured the intense cold once. Can he succeed again? See next week's instalment



## 1. Arrival at Loch Breckon

To the two young passengers, the man standing with Jill Somers on the platform of Cancaig station looked as sullen and unwelcoming as the Scottish weather.

Stephen Grant blinked owlishly through the rain-spattered window of the compartment as the train slid to a grinding halt.

"David, that's not your uncle, is it—the man with Jill?" he asked anxiously.

David Baxter turned from the window and carefully lowered his tape recorder from the rack, placing it beside the grip on the seat.

"If Uncle Bill looked like that," he grinned, "I wouldn't have come." He lowered the window, popping his head out, and a shower of rain drops tumbled off the carriage roof, spraying his thick, dark hair. He looked back along the platform, waving his arm to attract the attention of the slim, fair-haired girl in white mac and wellingtons who had been eagerly scanning the carriage windows. As soon as she saw David, she returned his wave and hurried towards his compartment, her dour-looking companion following slowly in her wake.

### "Deep depression"

David opened the door and reached for his luggage.

"Don't know who the man is," he said, grinning again. "He must have strayed from a funeral party."

"Perhaps the weather's got him down," answered Stephen. "There's been a deep depression over Western Scotland for the last few days."

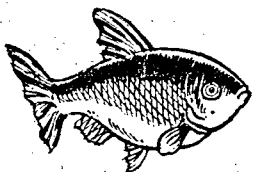
Stephen, the opposite in appearance to his stocky, rugged friend, was tall and thin, his brown hair brushed straight across a high forehead. He was the studious type, although this fact did not interfere with the enthusiasm for outdoor life which he shared with David.

"So long as there's no depression in the Breckon Hotel, I don't mind," David commented hopefully.

The two boys had travelled overnight from London and had now reached Cancaig in the Western Highlands in time for breakfast. The whole idea of their trip North had really begun when his cousin, Jill, had spent a long weekend at David's home in Surrey on her way home from boarding school at the beginning of the summer holidays.

## Oat Krunchies

Cut out this fish and stick it in the space provided on the side of the Quaker Oat Krunchies packet so that you can enter the Children's Newspaper and Oat Krunchies "Fishing Facts" competition.



# Exciting new serial begins this week

# WHISTLE IN THE DARK

by Geoffrey Chelsworth

Jill's father, a widower, had retired from the Navy early that year only to learn that a distant relative had left him a small property overlooking Loch Breckon in Scotland. On viewing his inheritance, he had at once made up his mind to open it as an hotel.

Jill had long known of David's interest in field study. She was an enthusiastic bird-watcher herself, and on arriving at his home and finding he had acquired a tape recorder and that he and Stephen planned to make recordings of wild life for their Natural History

as she greeted David and Stephen.

"This is Mr. Jacobs. He'll take your bags." She introduced her dour-looking companion, who, with a nod and a murmur took the boys' grips, and moved off towards the station exit. "He's the hotel porter," Jill explained quietly as they followed him along the platform, David still clutching the recorder which he was reluctant to leave in the care of a stranger. "He does all the odd jobs as well—like driving the estate car."

"Mournful-looking soul, I must say!" David grinned.

housekeeper; then there's Katie, the chamber maid; Jacobs, of course; and Jek, the waiter."

"Jek?" queried David. "He sounds like a foreigner."

"Jekells is his full name. He is foreign, but he hasn't any accent. Don't know where he came from originally. He's a bit of a mystery. Won't talk about himself. I've tried to wheedle his history out of him, but without success. You'll like him though. He's mad about wild life, and I've been out stalking with him many times this Summer."

Jill suddenly looked thoughtful, a little apprehensive. "I must admit, though, he's been a bit strange lately," she added. "You know—quiet, shuts himself in his room when he's off duty. He certainly isn't as cheerful and friendly as he was. I think he must be worried about something."

"Perhaps it's just the weather," suggested Stephen mournfully.

### Jill's commentary

Jacobs drove in silence. The boys sat on the back seat of the estate car, their luggage just behind them. Jill sat in front, turning round to face them and trying to indicate the more interesting landmarks along the route; but it was a good commentary lost on the visitors as every peak, glen, burn she located were shrouded in rain clouds. A winding road took them from Cancaig to the village of Breckon, a post office, store, and a few cottages, nestling at the head of the loch. From the village they followed the road alongside the water for almost a mile before turning inland up a hill to the hotel, a rambling stone-built house in well-kept grounds and screened on either side by a windbreak of fir trees.

Mrs. McDee, a big, cheerful woman, met them at the front door and Jill introduced them.

"The young lassie hae been talking about ye so much I feel I

know ye a'ready," she beamed. "Tis a pity ye'll be gettin' such a wet welcome, but never mind, there's a change a-coming!"

With Mrs. McDee's promise of a hearty breakfast awaiting them, they followed Jill upstairs to their room, Jacobs going on ahead with their bags. Five bedrooms led off the thickly-carpeted landing, each with a number on the door.

"Number three's the nicest room," Jill exclaimed. "You would have had that but Mr. Howcroft got here first."

"The wealthy hunter, you mean?" grinned David.

Jill nodded with a smile, and led them along the landing to the door facing them, next to the back stairs. "You've got number six." She showed them in.

"Can't see anything wrong with it," David observed, looking round the spacious twin-bedded room, and Stephen nodded in agreement. Jacobs left their bags and without a word disappeared down the back stairs.

### David's present

"Come on down to breakfast as soon as you've washed," Jill said, from the doorway.

"Don't worry. We won't keep that breakfast waiting longer than necessary!" David returned, and Jill went out and shut the door.

Ten minutes later, as they were descending the main staircase, David suddenly remembered the box of chocolates he had brought for Jill. The little present still nestled somewhere at the bottom of his bag. Telling Stephen to continue, he went back to their room and took the box from his bag, but as he reached the door the faint creaking of the back stairs arrested him. Before pulling the door wide, he peered through the narrow opening. Then he held his breath, watching.

Jacobs stole silently along the landing and paused outside the door of number three—Mr. Howcroft's room. He glanced furtively up and down the landing, then bent down and peered through the keyhole. After a moment he straightened up, glanced along the landing once more, then inserted the key into the lock. The next moment he had opened the door and disappeared into the room.

To be continued



Welcome to the Western Highlands

class, she had immediately suggested that they came to Loch Breckon to make excursions into the wild hills and sea cliffs surrounding her father's hotel.

"Every room is booked till mid-September," she had told them, "but Daddy says there'll be plenty to spare after that. Leave it as late as you can and you should get some exciting recordings—even the roar of the red deer stags. The weather, too, should be perfect..."

### Dismal journey

But Jill's forecast had proved all too wrong. The weather was in fact a dampening introduction to her new homeland. It rained all night, and in the last stages of their train journey in the morning light the boys had no more than glimpsed the approaches of the rugged country—a patch of water, the lower slopes of the hills with flocks of sheep grazing, a herd of shaggy cattle; the deep glens, the hills, and the crags were lost in the mist and the rain.

Although Jill was wrong about the weather, she remained undaunted. With her wide blue eyes and pretty smile, there was no lack of sunshine in her welcome

"He's certainly not very sociable," was Stephen's comment.

Jill tucked a wayward curl under her dark blue beret.

"Oh, Jacobs is all right when you get to know him," she declared. "It's just his manner; he's very shy. Daddy says he's a willing worker."

"Stephen thought he was your father when he saw you both on the platform," David said.

"No, Daddy's gone to Edinburgh for two or three days on business," Jill explained. "He's been putting it off for weeks; but now that the season is practically over he thought it was a good chance to go. The last guest left at the weekend, and Daddy went off yesterday, and no sooner had he gone than two more guests arrived—a wealthy gentleman who's come up to do some shooting and fishing, and his chauffeur. I believe they've gone fishing this morning."

"What a morning!" David said.

"Should be all right for fishing," Stephen observed. "But if your father's away, Jill, who's running the hotel?"

"We've still got the staff. Mrs. McDee's in charge—she's the

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## WORLD OF STAMPS

# Explorers and flowers on new issues

Two famous explorers are honoured on stamps issued this month in Norway and Australia.

The Norwegian stamps portray Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, who was born a hundred years ago and whose story was told in CN dated 14th October.

His portrait has already appeared on several Norwegian charity stamps. These were issued in 1935 and 1940 in aid of funds for refugees. The 1961 stamps simply show the portrait of this great Norwegian.

Fifty years ago an Australian expedition set out to explore the Antarctic lands which lie to the south of Australia. The expedition spent three years in the bitter

cold of the South Pole regions.

establishing a wireless station there and exploring much unknown territory.

King George V Land and Queen Mary Land were among the names which were added to the map of Antarctica.

The leader of the expedition was a Yorkshireman, Douglas Mawson. When the expedition returned to Australia, Mawson wrote a book describing his adventures in the Antarctic. Its title

is *The Home of the Blizzard*. To mark the 50th anniversary of Mawson's expedition, the 5d. stamp pictured here has been issued for use in the Australian Antarctic Territory. The portrait shows Douglas Mawson wearing his close-fitting balaclava helmet.

THE Australian Post Office has also announced that a special 5d. stamp is to be issued for use on Christmas mails. Final details of the design have not yet been decided, but the stamp will include the seasonable words "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth, Peace."

A Nativity scene, similar to that on the New Zealand stamp mentioned in the CN a fortnight ago, may also form part of the design.

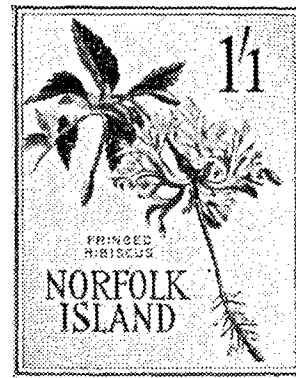
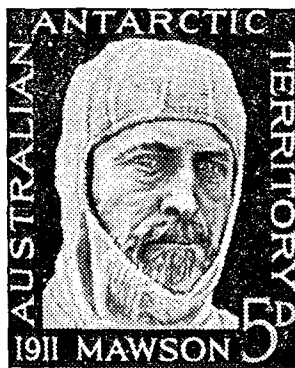
FROM Norfolk Island, an Australian possession in the Pacific Ocean, comes a new stamp printed in deep red. It shows a spray of the fringed hibiscus, one of the island's many beautiful flowers.

The other flower stamp pictured here is one of a series of five to be issued in Surinam, the former Dutch colony in South America. Each stamp has a charity premium in aid of Red Cross funds.

## TABLE TENNIS SETS FOR CN READERS

Here are the names of the ten winners of CN Competition No. 6, each of whom has been awarded a Table Tennis set: Catherine Abley, Morecambe; Paul Davidson, Aberdeen; Raymond Eames, Portsmouth; Patricia Furnival, Coventry; James Jolly, Perth; Daniel Martin, Penn; Elizabeth Owen, Accrington; Lynda Shilton, Liverpool; Jocelyn Thomas, Bournemouth; and A. Walker, West Hartlepool.

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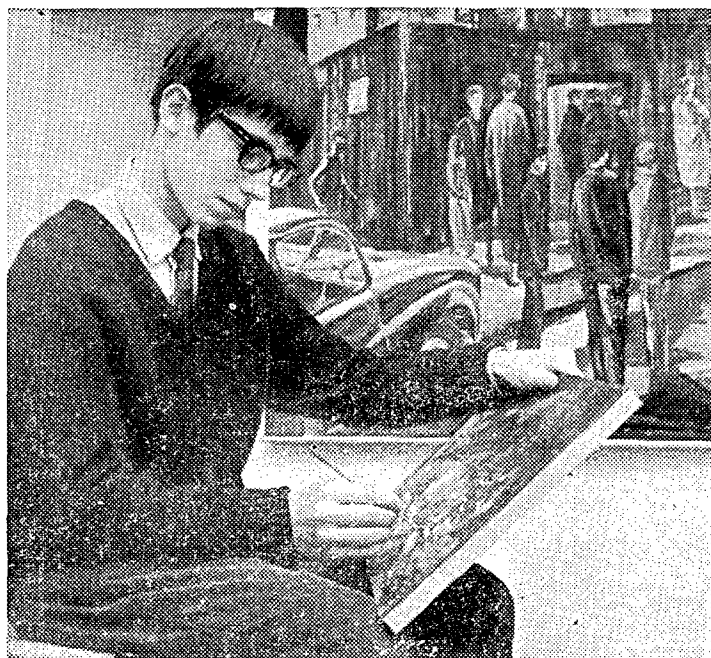
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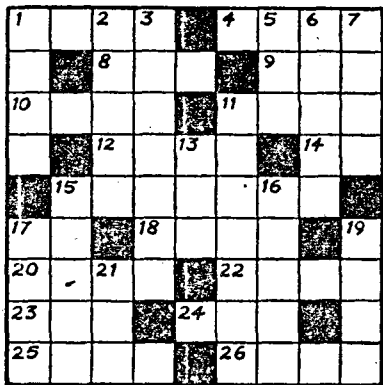
## SCHOOLBOY ARTIST



This is Paul Riley, a schoolboy of Richmond, Surrey, who recently held a three-weeks exhibition of his paintings.



# PUZZLE PARADE



## Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Foray or attack. 4 Heavenly body. 8 Fresh. 9 Single. 10 Pace. 11 Drive or impel. 12 Scheme. 14 Editor. 15 Pertaining to stars. 17 Tonic sol-fa note. 18 Golfers drive from them. 20 At one time. 22 Helps. 23 Portuguese colony in India. 24 Pounds, shillings, and pence. 25 Crafts. 26 Grippled. READING DOWN. 1 Coating caused by oxidation. 2 Absurd or out of place. 3 Empty out. 5 Hill. 6 Rage. 7 Marsh plant. 11 Free or untie. 13 Beverage. 15 Spanish for Mr. 16 Away. 17 Ancient Roman robe. 19 Spent. 21 Pussy.

Answer next week

## WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

BAKER is one of those many names derived from an occupation and there is not much doubt about its origin; but there are some other interesting surnames connected with the same trade. Many fourteenth-century French settlers in London were engaged in the bread-making industry, so, from the French word for baker, *boulangier*, we have been handed down as surnames such variations as BULLINGER and POL-LINGER. In those early times there was no standardisation of either pronunciation or spelling of

words—particularly foreign ones—so these would vary a good deal according to local dialect.

A woman Baker was known as a *Bakster*, demonstrating the use of the feminine ending *-ster*, and this word in time gave us the surname BAXTER. It was not so very unusual for the family name to be a feminine one originating from the mother. For instance, she might have been left a widow with fatherless children; or it might have arisen simply because she was a strong personality who dominated her customers.

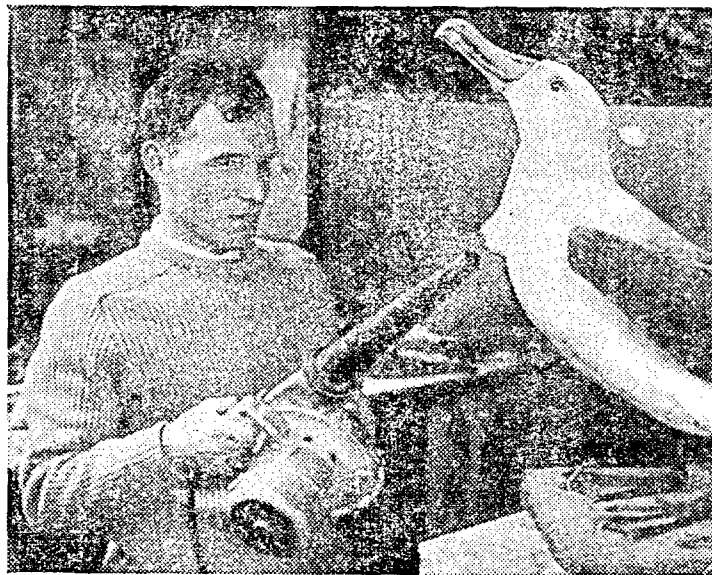
## What is it?

My first is in can, but not in jug,  
My second's in blanket, but not in rug.  
My third is in fight and also in kill,  
My fourth is in moving, but not in still.  
My fifth is in in dawn, and also in day,  
My sixth is in silage, but not in hay.  
My whole can be found (if you carefully look)  
In cages and zoos and many a book.

## WORD SQUARE

JACK SPRAT was this  
A brave man  
Flower found in the eye  
Between eyes and mouth

## HOW TO DUST AN ALBATROSS



A stuffed albatross, one of hundreds of bird exhibits at London's Natural History Museum, having the dust of years blown out of its feathers with an adapted hair-dryer.

## Taking Billy for a ride

JEAN came bursting in with her news.

"Have you seen my new pony, Billy?" she cried.

"What, the one from the riding stables? You've had that a long time."

"No, no," said Jean. "A new one. Daddy's bought me one of my very own. It's stabled down at Farmer Thompson's place. Want to see it?"

"Rather," said Billy. "I'll get Paul. He'll want to have a ride, too."

A few minutes later the three of them were in Farmer Thompson's field admiring Jean's new pony.

"Golly, she certainly is a beauty," murmured Billy. "Can I have a ride?"

Jean looked doubtful. "Well, I don't know. I haven't got a saddle yet."

"Saddle!" echoed Billy. "Who wants a saddle? If the Red Indians can ride bare back so can I."

He approached the pony confidently. "Give me a leg up," he said to Paul. Paul obliged. Up went Billy—straight over the pony's back and on to the ground the other side! The second time Billy managed to stay on—until the pony started to move. Then he slid slowly over, finishing with his arms round the pony's neck and his legs dangling.

The third time he tried, he stayed on until the pony jumped over a small tree trunk in the field. Then over he went again.

Bruised and aching, Billy picked himself up and looked at Paul. "When we play Cowboys and Indians next time you can be the Red Indian. I'll be the man who rides in the stagecoach—on a seat!"

## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

If you have a birthday this week you share it with one of the following famous people:

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 22nd October | Bert Trautmann, Manchester City goalkeeper         |
| 23rd October | Sarah Bernhardt, actress (1845-1923)               |
| 24th October | Jack Warner, film and TV star                      |
| 25th October | Pablo Picasso, artist                              |
| 26th October | John Scott Maclay, Secretary of State for Scotland |
| 27th October | Lord Moyne, poet, novelist, and playwright         |
| 28th October | Captain Cook, explorer (1728-1779)                 |

## Beside the seaside



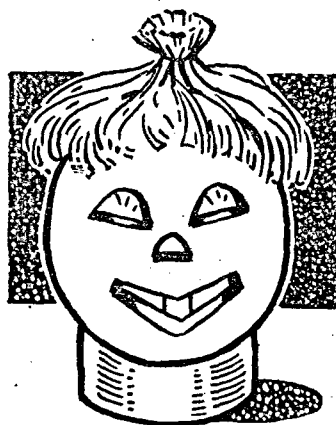
THE names of seven objects to be seen at the seaside are hidden here. Can you find them?

## A glowing mask for Hallow-e'en

HERE is an amusing little mask which can easily be made for use on the eve of All Saints Day, or Hallow-e'en, 31st October.

Get a big turnip, carve out the inside, and then cut the shapes for eyes, nose, and mouth, as seen in the illustration. The hair can be formed by a little bundle of wool or string, tied as seen, and gummed on the "head."

A striking—and amusing—effect can be obtained by standing a lighted torch in a small pan and placing the mask over it. The "face" will appear to gleam.



## RAMS WANTED

The answer to each of the following clues contains the word RAM. How quickly can you find all eight answers?

- Popular sweet
- Bought at a theatre
- Geometrical figure
- Form of numbness
- Water animal
- Theatrical entertainment
- Widely viewed on TV
- Carriage for babies

## ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

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Word square.

THIN  
HERO  
IRIS  
NOSE

Beside the sea-side. Fish; shell; seaweed; starfish; crab; shrimp; gull.

What is it? Animal. Rams wanted. Ca-ram-el; prog-ram-me; parallelog-ram; c-ram-p; g-ram-pus; d-ram-a; Pano-ram-a; pe-ram-bulator.

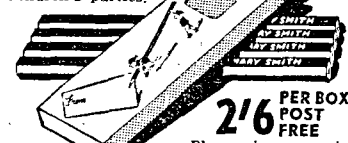
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## He's a quick starter on water-skis

ONLY a few weeks ago six-year-old Richard Beck of Clench-warton, near King's Lynn, put on his miniature water skis for the first time. Now he is an accomplished skier.

With his father, Richard goes down to the River Ouse as often as the weather and tides permit. But he always wears a life jacket, for although he is at home on the water he has not yet learned to swim. So far, Richard's longest trip has taken him about three miles along the River Ouse.

The next member of the Beck family to ski will be four-year-old Christine, and by this time next year she is determined that she will be a better skier than her brother.

## PROMISING GOLFER WHO CHOSE SOCCER

BARRY MEALAND gained Surrey county honours as a Carshalton schoolboy footballer, but although he loved soccer he was also a very promising young golfer, and he had thoughts of making this sport his career.

This year, however, he was persuaded to sign on for Fulham F.C. as an amateur, and 18-year-old Barry decided to play six games with the club before making a final decision about his future.

Barry played five games in the reserve team and such was his progress that he was chosen to play in the First Division side. He came through with honours—and

made his decision. He is now a professional with Fulham, and in future golf will be his spare-time sport.

ANOTHER star of the future is 17-year-old walker David Hurst. Until recently a police cadet at Hendon, David entered his first walking race "as a joke, because I was no good at any other sport."

But less than five months later he won the Metropolitan Police six-mile walk for novices. Walking is no longer a joke for David and he seems destined to make his name in "M.P." colours.

## Cycling at 125 miles an hour

125 MILES an hour on a push-bike! This incredible speed was achieved recently by José Meiffret, the famous French cyclist, who thus broke his own record of 109.12 m.p.h. set up ten years ago.

Meiffret's record ride of 200 kilometres an hour (125 m.p.h.) took place in West Germany, on an autobahn near Karlsruhe. He rode a specially-constructed bicycle, tucked in behind a large wind shelter fixed to a racing car. With the aid of a microphone he was able to give instructions to the driver of the car.

## World-wide Wightman Cup?

THE Davis Cup is contested by tennis players from more than 20 countries; it is, in fact, a men's team world championship. The Wightman Cup, on the other hand, is fought for by the women of America and England only. But it may not be long before this competition, too, is open to all.

On her return to Sydney after the Australian girl players' extensive tour, Mrs. Nell Hopman said officials in many countries all supported the idea.

## Billy Wright's record in danger

WHEN Billy Wright gained his 100th English international cap in 1959, he became the first man in the history of football to achieve this milestone. He went on to complete 105 international appearances before he retired to become manager of England's Youth teams. Now his record is likely to be beaten.

Recently Torbjorn Svensson, the tall Norwegian centre-half, reached

a century of international appearances for his country, and it may not be long before Jozsef Bozsik (Hungary) achieves a similar distinction. A few weeks ago he returned to the Hungarian international team for his 97th "cap." With Hungary having qualified for the World Cup finals, he should have every opportunity of becoming football's third international centurion.

## BOOKS FOR THE YOUNG SPORTSMAN

IF you are looking for a gift for a junior footballer, then the *F.A. Book for Boys* (Heinemann, 12s. 6d.) is the very thing—the 14th issue, but as fresh and original as the first one.

Experts like Bobby Robson, Ray Pointer, Jimmy Greaves, Mike McNeil, and Alan Hodgkinson all contribute articles on how players can improve their game; Walter Winterbottom describes five-a-side soccer; Julian Holland takes a look at the Spurs. All this and a generous helping of humour, cartoons, stories, and puzzles make this a real feast.

The F.A. are to be congratulated on maintaining such a high standard year after year.

AN excellent addition to any young angler's kit is *Fishing*

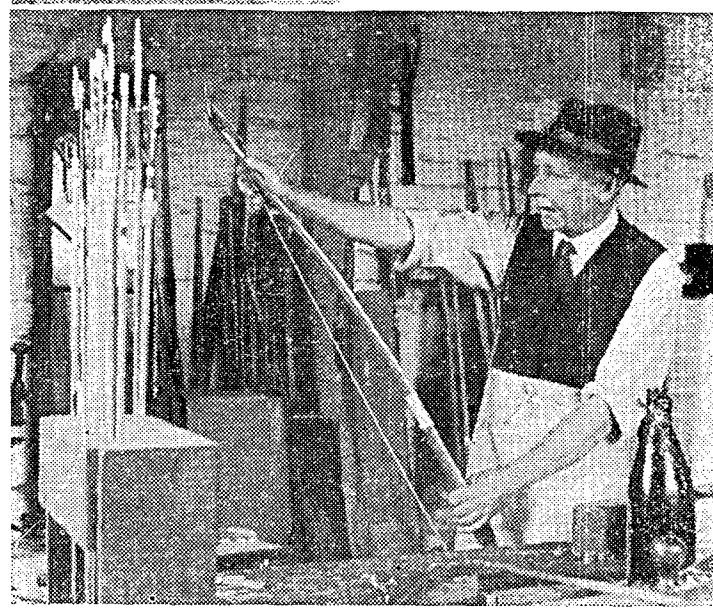
for Boys, by J. H. Elliott (Harrap, 12s. 6d.). Written for beginners, with as few technical terms as possible, it covers a great deal of ground—or should we say water? Certainly it contains a great deal of useful advice, particularly helpful for the beginner being the short chapter on Do's and Don'ts.

As its title suggests, *A Complete Guide to Sea Fishing*, by Hugh Stoker (Allen and Unwin, 15s.) is much more than a simple instruction book for the beginner. For instance, nearly 50 pages are devoted to describing the fish to be found round our shores, their haunts, and ways of catching them. For the real fishing enthusiast, this book is a most valuable guide.



## Bowman and bowmaker

This is Robert Hall of Leith, Scotland's best bowman and winner of the British Championship in 1959. Below we see Mr. Ned Thompson, Bowmaker to the Woodmen of Arden, in his workshop at Meriden, Warwickshire. His family have been making bows for this society for 300 years.



## England players seem Chile bound

ENGLAND's trip to Chile to compete in the World Cup soccer finals next June now looks a distinct possibility—thanks to Luxembourg. For the men of the little Grand Duchy achieved their first-ever victory in the World Cup qualifying rounds by beating Portugal, one of Europe's leading teams and the side which England face at Wembley this Wednesday.

Thanks to Luxembourg's victory, however, England need only draw

this game, the position being that England have 5 points from three games and Portugal 3 points from three games.

Should the Portuguese win at Wembley, the two countries will have to play a decider, for qualification is decided on points only. In the first of the two-leg matches, England drew 1-1 in Lisbon, when the Portuguese team included eight of the Benfica players who a few weeks later won the European Cup.

